

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether it will be placed before the House before final orders are passed ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : It will be considered.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi (Mavelikara and Kartikapalli cum Kunnattur) : Is it not a mere question of administration ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : Yes.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether such a system exists in British India ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : Yes. It exists in British India.

Peculiar disadvantages of the old allom.

49. ***Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai :** (1) Are the Government aware that the old allom is subject to peculiar disadvantages in the matter of manufacture of salt ?

(2) Are the Government aware that there is a permanent percolation of fresh water on the eastern side and what are the steps taken so far to prevent it ?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the P. W. D. has recommended the diversion of Kottakara surplus which causes the percolation ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : (1) Yes.

(2) and (3) Yes ; the Public Works Department has recommended the diversion of the Kottayadi channel and has forwarded an estimate for the same. It is now under the consideration of Government.

Cost of printing one standard forme in the Government Press.

50. ***Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad :** Will the Government be pleased to state the cost of printing each standard forms in the Government Press if the cost of establishment is calculated ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai :

	Rs.	Ch.	c.
<i>F'cap folio 4 pp.</i> 12 pt. body composing and striking.	8	4	0
<i>Royal 8 vo 8 pp.</i> 12 pt. body composing and striking	8	25	0
<i>Crown 8 vo 8 pp.</i> 12 pt. body composing and striking.	5	23	0

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Mr. K. N. Kesvan Namputiripad : May I know from the member whether the charges are comparatively higher or lower?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : I have not compared these charges with other charges.

Officer in charge of the Central Printing Office.

51. ***Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the name of the officer who is in charge of the Central Printing Office at present ; and

(b) what are his special qualifications in printing, which make him fit to exercise proper supervision over the work he is in charge ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (a) Mr. K. Venkitarama Aiyangar.

(b) He has no special qualifications in printing.

Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad : May I know why a man without special qualification was appointed for the post ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : It is only a temporary arrangement. Government thought that for a short time he could be in charge of the office.

Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon : Sir, one of my questions still remains unanswered. I was out when that question was called.

President : Which is that question ?

Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon : It is question No. 40.

President : All right you may put that question.

Insolvency petitions presented from 1107 to 1110.

52. ***Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon :** Will the Government be pleased to state the number of persons in Travancore who have put in Insolvency Petitions during each of the years 1107, 1108, 1109 and during 1110 till the 2nd Tulam ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : A statement* containing the required information is laid on the table.

President : There is a list of unstarred questions which, as honourable members are aware, will be entered in the proceedings of the day.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Statement, by caste, of the appointments made in the Account Of ice during 1108 and 1109.

1. **Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai (Chirayinkil cum Nedumangad) :** Will the Government be pleased to place on the table of the House a statement, by caste, of the appointments made in the

* Vide Appendix VI page—149.